

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

**Please replace the second full paragraph on page 1 with the following
amended paragraph:**

It is known that steels for plastic deformation must exhibit characteristics of both deformability and strength. Thus, during the manufacture of mechanical components for which some of them are intended, they have to be able to endure major changes in shape without rupture, and at times exhibit good mechanical properties in the finished product. In fact, in certain cases, the required properties of the components obtained from these steels are close to those of Class 10.9 according to Specification ISO 898, i.e. a minimum tensile strength of 1000 MPa and a minimum yield strength of 900 MPa. Moreover, these steels must exhibit good machinability characteristics, as a majority of the applications requires a final finishing to meet the end dimensions.